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CONGRESS HEARS ASLA STAND ON OPEN SPACE

ASLA's viewpoint on the timely acquisition of open space land for metropolitan areas was voiced on 10 April by Executive Director Lynn M. F. Harriss, speaking before the Housing Subcommittee of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee in Washington. Up for hearing was Senate Bill 858 -- the Open Space and Urban Development Act of 1961 -- introduced by Senator Harrison Williams (D-NJ). The bill provides for federal assistance to metropolitan areas under certain specified conditions for the acquisition of open space land in and around them.

During the course of the testimony Harriss stated: "It is quite fitting that the American Society of Landscape Architects should endorse the Open Space and Urban Development Act . . . Our policy in the matter is formally expressed as follows:

The American Society of Landscape Architects looks with dismay upon the lack of planning for the future provision or preservation of open spaces within and in the outskirts of our urban areas. The Society urges upon the appropriate and responsible authorities at Federal, State, county and municipal levels that every available opportunity be seized upon to meet the open space requirements for provision or preservation of park, recreation, conservation and scenic areas in and around our cities." (Recently adopted ASLA policy)

Another bill introduced by Senator Williams, the "Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1961" (S. 345), was supported by written statement from ASLA to Subcommittee Chairman John Sparkman (D-Ala). This bill proposes to extend federal aid to metropolitan areas in order to achieve mass transportation service, but, like S. 858, insists that the initiative and pursuit of comprehensive planning be systematically done at the local level.

MOHOLY-NAGY TO SPEAK

According to a recent report from Program Chairman Stanley White (M), Professor Sybil Moholy-Nagy, professor of architecture at Pratt Institute, will address the 62nd Annual Meeting of the Society at the initial luncheon on Monday, 10 July, in Boulder. Her subject will be "Buildings and Backgrounds."

Two days later, Professor Patrick Horsbrugh, of the Architecture Department, University of Nebraska, will address the meeting on a seismic subject: "Reverberations: Landscape Architecture and the Planning Arts." Between the two, addresses will be seminars moderated by Ruth and Emmet Layton (M), Robert M. O'Donnell (M), John O. Simonds (M), and Theodore Osmundson Jr. (M).

Other events include: the President's Reception on Sunday night, 9 July; a field trip to the Air Force Academy in nearby Colorado Springs; a Chuck Wagon Dinner on Tuesday; and the Annual Dinner Wednesday night. On Thursday there will be a potpourri of optional events, from a tour over the famous Trail Ridge Road in Rocky Mountain National Park to La Traviata in Central City (which means in Colorado something far different from what it does in Philadelphia!).

ENVIRONMENT PARLEY HELD IN SAN FRANCISCO

The first Indoor-Outdoor Living Conference was held in San Francisco on 19-20 April. Sponsored by Time-Life and House & Home magazines, the Conference brought together leaders in the fields of design, construction, realty and production, for the exploration of ways and means of improving the residential environment through improved use and interrelationship of indoor and outdoor living areas.

The Conference, which will be reported later in House & Home, brought out well over one hundred leaders in the various fields. Among them were Architects Vernon DeMars, Paul Thiry and William Wurster; Builders and Realty Developers Edward R. Carr, Joseph Eichler, Robert F. Lusk, Jr.; Planners Corwin R. Mocine, Lawrence Livingston, Jr., and Robert O'Donnell (M); Nurserymen J. Awdrey Armstrong and Dr. Joseph E. Howland of Scotts Seed; Producers -- list too long to be reproduced here -- representing a wide spectrum of raw and finished products and their associations, such as California Redwood and Portland Cement Associations.

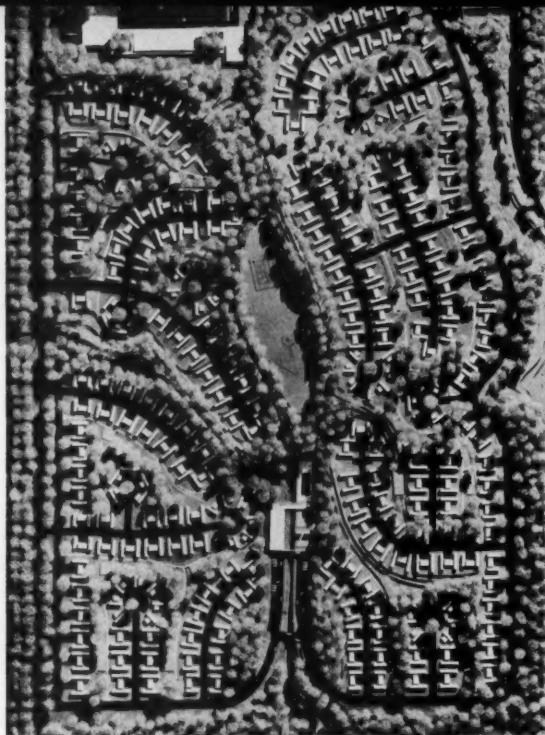
Participating Landscape Architects included Douglas Baylis (M), Garrett Eckbo (M), Lawrence Halprin (M), Clarence E. Hammond (M), Raymond E. Page (F), Robert Royston (M), and Peter Walker (M).



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RALPH T. BERGSMA's design for a 15-acre mobile home site near Pittsburgh took first prize of \$4,000 in the Mobile Home Professional Competition

professional mobile home winners announced

Prize winners of the Mobile Homes Park Professional Competition have been announced by John L. Bloom (M), professional advisor. First prize of \$4000 went to Ralph T. Bergsma of Farmington, Michigan (see cut above); second prize of \$2000 to Harry W. Porter, Jr. of Cambridge, Mass.; while Eldon W. Beck (A) of San Francisco took the third prize of \$1000.

The jury, which met in Chicago, 23-24 March, consisted of Eugene R. Martini, ASLA; Stanley H. White, ASLA; Hideo Sasaki, ASLA; Claude Stoller, AIA; and George F. Miles, treasurer of the Vagabond Coach Company, New Hudson, Michigan.

In weighing the various types of grouping devices offered by the contestants, their report stated that "the jury looked into three basic arrangements: 1) the relationship of each mobile home to its individual site and to the neighboring homes; 2) the success of the units as clusters either in lineal or group patterns; and 3) the way in which these clusters or groups of mobile homes formed a well-planned community of some distinction." They added "...the general quality of the entries was excellent and all of the award winners are to be highly commended for thoroughness of study reflected in their designs as well as for the clarity of their presentations."

Special mention was given to the entries of Clyde Devere Robbins (A) of Columbus, Ohio; Robert H. Green (A) of Houston, Texas; Alvin O. Hurst (M) of Santa Fe, N.M.; William Johnson-Clarence Roy (M) of Ann Arbor, Mich.; Marion V. Packard (M) of Columbus, Ohio; Kenneth J. Polakowski (A) of State College, Pa.; Albert F. Trevino, Jr. (A) of Orange, Calif.; Robert F. White (M) of Bellaire, Tex.; and Charles E. Wood of Minneapolis, Minn.

oregon registration gains

Eunice Cottrell Brandt (M), one of Oregon's prime protagonists for professional registration of landscape architects in that state, recently reported to ASLA Headquarters that their bill has passed the Senate by unanimous vote, has been given a "Do Pass" by the House Ways and Means Committee, then goes to the floor of the House, where favorable action is expected, then on to Governor Hatfield for signature into law. We can't decide whether to cheer or hold our breath!

japanese win seattle prize

First prize in Seattle's widely publicized International Fountain Competition has been awarded to two Tokyo architects, Hideki Shimizu and Kazuyuki Matsushita. The pair will receive a lump sum of \$5000 and a contract to supervise construction of the fountain, which is to be completed prior to Seattle's "Century 21 Exhibition" in April 1962.

Richard A. Moore (A) and George Washington Hall of Pomona, California, were among the five finalists chosen by a distinguished jury which included Nathaniel A. Owings, San Francisco architect, as chairman; Garrett Eckbo (M) South Pasadena, California, landscape architect; Bernard Rosenthal, New York sculptor; and H. Peter Oberlander of the University of British Columbia's School of Architecture.

The fountain, which is to be constructed in an area between the city's Coliseum and Playhouse, will be set in a granite plaza, 220 feet wide by 550 feet long. The "sunflower-like" fountain chosen by the jury is circular in shape with hundreds of small jets, creating a multitude of "dancing water" patterns controlled by magnetic tape.

n.y. board of examiners

The New York State Board of Regents has announced the appointment of the following persons to the first New York State Board of Examiners of Landscape Architects:

GEORGE J. ALBRECHT (M), head, Department of Landscape Architecture, Syracuse

GEORGE C. BEBB (M), chief landscape architect,

NY Department of Public Works, Albany

DOMENICO ANNESE (M), Clarke & Rapuano, N.Y. City

CARROLL J. DONOGHUE (M), Skidmore, Owings and Merrill, New York City

JANET DARLING WEBEL (F), of Darling, Innocenti and Webel, New York City.

According to the provisions of the law, the Board may issue licenses without written examination under the so-called "grandfather" clause to properly qualified persons who apply during the period 1 April-1 July 1961.

Subsequent to 1 July 1961 persons desiring a license in New York State must in most cases take an examination to obtain one, it was emphasized by John J. McC. Ryan (M), chairman of the Upstate Registration Committee.

New York is the first state in the East, he adds, to obtain registration and it is hoped that all eastern landscape architects (and western ones as well!) will take advantage of the opportunity to apply for registration in New York. Application forms can be obtained by writing to: Bureau of Professional Licensing Services, State Education Bldg., Albany.



a note from the executive director

Recently, we in the Washington office have had the pleasure of playing hosts to two college groups of landscape architectural students, one from Pennsylvania State University, accompanied by Wayne Wilson (M) and Lynn Miller (A), and the other from Ohio State University, accompanied by George Tobey (M). They came here as part of prearranged field trips to the nation's capital and points enroute.

In spite of our limited space and seating accommodations, we were happy to see them and to give them a firsthand look at how the wheels go 'round in the ASLA "nerve center." They were a nice looking bunch, and in spite of their tongues figuratively hanging out from previous sight-seeing, managed to look interested and even to take some notes! (At least they looked like notes!)

We enjoyed their visits but more than this, we feel that the visits accomplished a secondary, but quite important objective: that of keeping the lines of communication open between the Society and the individual. Now, at least, the students will have a mental image of where their applications are being processed; where their professional cause is being defended. We hope they come again!

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• FRED W. ROEWKAMP (M), Superintendent of Park Development, Los Angeles, was among a number of participants in the 13th annual California and Pacific Southwest Recreation and Parks Conference held at Los Angeles, 26 February - 1 March.

• The 1962 Winter Issue of *LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE* magazine will be devoted to "Earth Sculpture." Graphic material and descriptions of projects are now being sought for inclusion in that issue. All submissions should be typewritten and captions accompanying photographs should be as detailed as possible. Photos of completed projects are preferred to sketches of proposed projects. In each instance, names of landscape architect, contractor, and owner must accompany material submitted together with complete information on location, time of development, cost acreage, use, and future plans. All material should be sent to: Winter Issue, LAQ, Care of Richard P. Dober, ASLA, Sasaki, Walker & Associates, Watertown 72, Mass.

• If the biographical sketch of Miss Shirley N. Cooper (A) in the ASLA BULLETIN of 10 January 1961

had been correct, she would have had the distinction of being the oldest living American landscape architect! Writing to our Department of Typographical Retractions recently, her endorser, George W. Cobb (M) of Greenville, S. C., noted that Miss Cooper was born in 1934--not 1834--and that her degree is a BLA--not a BSLA. The Department of Typographical Re-



SHIRLEY COOPER: 1834? regrets humbly the oversights and extends apologies to both Miss Cooper and golf course architect Mr. Cobb.

• MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY's Department of Urban Planning and Landscape Architecture has announced that arrangements are now complete for its 1961 summer course in Advanced Landscape Design. The course will be conducted over a five and one-half week period and will feature lectures by a number of prominent landscape architects, including Brian Hackett, senior lecturer in landscape architecture at the University of Durham, England (now visiting professor of landscape architecture at the University of Illinois); William Johnson (M) of Johnson & Roy, Ann Arbor; Norman Carver, Jr., architect and author, of Kalamazoo, Michigan; Hideo Sasaki (M) of Sasaki & Walker, Boston, and chairman of the Department of Landscape Architecture at Harvard University; Conrad L. Wirth (F), director of the National Park Service; and William Carnes (F), director of the NPS "Mission 66" program.

Complete information on the 1961 summer session may be obtained from D. Newton Glick (M), chairman, Landscape Architectural Studies, Department of Urban Planning and Landscape Architecture, Michigan State University, East Lansing.

• MATTHEW L. ROCKWELL, AIA, AIP, has been named director of AIA's Division of Public Affairs, according to an announcement last week by William Scheick, executive director. A graduate of MIT, Mr. Rockwell has served with the Chicago Regional Planning Association, the Urban Land Institute, the Chicago Plan Commission and as president of the Chicago Chapter, AIP.

• SCHOOL SITES, SELECTION, DEVELOPMENT AND UTILIZATION is the title of Special Publication No. 7 of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Of interest to all who plan school sites and related areas, the manual, published in 1958, contains 91 pages of text illustrated with photographs, plans and charts. Copies may be obtained at 75¢ each from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C.

In the bibliography section, published works by the following are listed: Prentiss French (F), Francis H. Gott (M), the late Herbert S. Hare (F), Donald W. Bush (F), Robert Royston (M), A. Carl Stelling (M) and H.O. Whittemore (F). Mention is made of the joint ASLA-AIA *School Plant Studies* of 1955. Special acknowledgement for assistance in preparation of the manual is given to Dr. Wallace M. Ruff (M). Efforts are being made to give more emphasis, in succeeding editions, to the role of the landscape architect.

calendar

5-7	Lake Arrowhead, Calif.: ASLA Seminar.
May	Sponsored by the Southern Calif. Chapter.
20	Portland, Oregon: Joint Meeting, Pacific Northwest Chapter, ASLA, and Oregon Society of Landscape Architects.
May	
21-27	National Highway Week.
May	
10-13	Boulder, Colorado: 62nd Annual Mtg., American Society of Landscape Architects.
July	Harvest House.



THE CALIFORNIA BOARD OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, SHOWN AT A MEETING IN MONTEREY LAST FEBRUARY, NOW INCLUDES THREE ASLA MEMBERS. FROM LEFT: WILLIAM E. BARBEAU, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD; FRED ROCHLIN, AIA; WILMA L. EDWARDS, BOARD STENOGRA- PHER; THEODORE OSMUNDSON, JR., ASLA; THOMAS G. HEATON, ASLA; DOUGLAS M. KELT, ASLA; AND COURTLAND PAUL.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

CALIFORNIA, Chula Vista: Assistant Planner. Qual.: Degree in planning, c.e., arch., l.a., or geography plus 1 yr. prof. city, co., or reg. planning exp. Master's degree in planning may be substituted for 1 yr. exp. requirement. Write to: Civil Service Commission, Civic Ctr., Chula Vista.

CONNECTICUT, Hartford: Planner for projects throughout New England. Qual.: Degree in city plan., arch., l.a., or c.e. plus 2 yrs. city plan. or urban renewal exp. Salary: \$6500-7500. Write to: Stelling, Lord-Wood and Van Suetendaal, 217 Farmington Ave., Hartford.

FLORIDA, Fort Lauderdale: Landscape architect for Parks Dept. Qual.: Degree in l.a. from accredited 4-yr. coll. and U.S. citizenship. Some exp. desired. Salary: \$420-525 per mo. Write to: Dept. of Civil Service, City of Fort Lauderdale, Rm. 205, 301 N. Andrews Ave., Fort Lauderdale.

ILLINOIS, Champaign: Associate Planner to assist in prep. of comprehensive plan for growing community and urban renewal program. Qual.: Bachelor's degree in city planning, arch., l.a., or rel. field. Exp. preferred but not mandatory. Salary: \$5448-6600. Write to: Robt. H. Oldland, City Mgr., City Hall, Champaign.

MARYLAND, Baltimore: Site Planner II for planning, design and layout of State bldgs. and sites (new structures), improv. to old structures, athletic fields, parking facil., drainage systems, planting and topo. work.) Qual.: Bachelor's degree in l.a., landscape eng., landscape design plus 3 yrs. exp. in l.a. Salary: \$6280-7849. Write to: Russell S. Davis, Commissioner of Personnel, State of Md., 301 W. Preston St., Baltimore 1, Md.

MICHIGAN, Madison Heights: Planning Director to head planning program for city of 33,000. Qual.: Degree in c.e., arch., l.a., city plan., or rel. field, plus 2 yrs. exp. Salary: \$6000-6600. Write to: Personnel Bd., 26305 John R Road, Madison Heights.

MINNESOTA, Minneapolis: Landscape Architect for development of city parks, playgrounds, and other recreational facilities. Qual.: Degree from ASLA accredited univ. in l.a. Knowledge of design and hort. required. Salary: \$526-651 per mo. Write to: Civil Service Comm., City of Minneapolis, 309-M City Hall, Minneapolis.

NEW MEXICO, Albuquerque: Planner (4) for private planning firm. Qual.: Master's in city or reg. planning, l.a. (urban design), arch., or rel. field. Salary: \$6000-12,000. Write to: Wm. D. Toole, Flato-Moore-Bryan & Fairburn, 1840 Lomas Blvd., N.E., Albuquerque.

NEW YORK, Huntington, L.I.: Planner for town planning, comprehensive planning. Qual.: Degree in planning or l.a. from recog. coll. plus 2 yrs. exp. Master's degree may be substituted for exp. req. Salary: \$7000-8400. Write to: See below.

NEW YORK, Huntington: Planning Assistant for town planning, comprehensive planning. Qual.: Degree in planning or l.a. from recog. coll. plus some exp. Salary: \$5860-7000. Write to: Robert-C. E. Carlson, Dir. of Planning, 45 Woodbine Ave., Northport, L.I., N.Y.

NORTH CAROLINA, Wilmington: Planning Director. Qual.: Degree in city planning or l.a. plus min. 2 yrs. exp., pref. in responsible position. Salary: \$8000 to start. Write to: John Vorhees, Asst. Adm., Div. of Community Planning, Dept. of Conservation and Devel., Raleigh.

OHIO, Cincinnati: Junior City Planner for creative site planning and well delineated illustration. Qual.: Bachelor's degree in arch. or l.a. plus sketching ability. Salary: \$5889-6724. Write to: H. W. Stevens, Dir. of Planning, City Planning Comm., City Hall, Cincinnati.

OHIO, Dayton: Assoc. City Planner (2). Qual.: Degree in plan., l.a., arch., plus 2 yrs. plan. exp. Salary: \$7592-8611. Write to: Robt. A. Flynn, Planning Dir., City Plan Bd., 630 Municipal Bldg., Dayton 2.

PENNSYLVANIA, Lancaster: Subdivision Planner to adm. new co. subdivision regulations and design neighborhood areas. Qual.: Degree in l.a., c.e., or plan., plus related exp. Salary: \$5200-6200. Write to: C. Bickley Foster, Planning Dir., Lancaster Co. Plan. Comm., 900 E. King St., Lancaster.

PENNSYLVANIA, Reading: Senior Planner to assist in prep. of comp. plan and gen'l. plan. studies. Qual.: Master's degree in plan. with bachelor's in arch., l.a., or c.e., plus 2 yrs. exp. Salary: \$6500-7000. Write to: Richard M. Bauer, Exec. Dir., Berks Co. Plan. Comm., Court House, Reading.

SITUATIONS WANTED

Landscape architect, 42, B.S. from State University of New York with exp. in park and recreation planning and design; plane table mapping and cartography; and ghost writing. Prefer position with private practice in California or Arizona. Exp. salary -- \$9,000 range. Write to: Box E, Care of ASLA, 2000 K St., N.W., Washington 6, D.C.

Landscape architect, 25, B.S. from University of Wisconsin (June 1961) with part time exp. in campus planning office and local nursery, seeking position in l.a. or city planning office. Write to: Box D, Care of ASLA, 2000 K St., N.W., Washington 6, D. C.

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